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 International Application No. **PCT/EP97/06793**)
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 Case No.: **4539US**)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination and fee calculation for the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-16 as follows:

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3. (Amended) [A] The light scanning device according to claim 1, characterized in that the focussing optics is adapted to be radially displaced relative to an axis of rotation of the sample holding device.